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Each of the sections carries the following number of marks:

	R1 [12]	W1 [10]	R2 [10]	R3 [5]	R4 [6]	W2 [15]	R5 Pt 1 [7]	R5 Pt 2 [10]	W3 [25]
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Writing Section [50]

Reading Section [50]

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Section R1 Reading (12 marks)

For questions 1-6, read the following extract from an article and write the missing words on the lines. Write only one word in each space. The first one has been done for you.

Marks
Awarded

The Rise of Decluttering

In an increasingly hectic and materialistic world, the decluttering industry has experienced remarkable growth. Modern lifestyles are fast paced, leaving us with limited time or energy to (e.g.) manage our spaces effectively. Possessions often have immense personal value, and this emotional burden can lead to stress when faced with decisions about what to ⁽¹⁾ _____ or discard. Beyond the superficial notion of tidiness, decluttering serves as a powerful tool to cultivate a simpler, more meaningful life. Decluttering allows us to regain ⁽²⁾ _____ over our surroundings. Moreover, decluttering encourages us to evaluate our priorities. When we sift through our possessions, we confront our consumption habits and acknowledge what truly adds value to our lives. Letting go of items that no longer serve a ⁽³⁾ _____ frees us from the burden of unnecessary attachments and allows us to redirect our time, energy, and resources towards more fulfilling endeavours. The popularity of the decluttering industry can be attributed to several factors. The ⁽⁴⁾ _____ of minimalism and sustainability movements has emphasised the importance of mindful consumption and reducing waste, fuelling the ⁽⁵⁾ _____ for decluttering services. Furthermore, television shows and social media influencers have brought decluttering into the mainstream, showcasing dramatic transformations and inspiring individuals to embark on their decluttering ⁽⁶⁾ _____. As a result, the decluttering industry has not only created job opportunities but also contributed to improving the overall well-being of countless people.

For questions 7-12 read the following sentences and write ONE word only in each gap to complete the idiom.

- 7. Jacob would risk life and _____ to save his family.
- 8. She really flew off the _____ when I admitted I'd taken her favourite shirt without asking.
- 9. Looking for one document in all this mess is like looking for a needle in a _____.
- 10. If you make concessions to individuals, you'll really open up a can of _____.
- 11. Let's _____ the slate clean and start the whole thing again.
- 12. That kind of opportunity only comes along once in a _____ moon.

Section W1 Use of English (sentence transformation) (10 marks)

Write a new sentence which is as close to the meaning of the given sentence as possible, using the word or phrase given. You may not change the word or phrase in any way.

1. We were disappointed with the finished result. (expectations)

The finished result

2. It isn't very likely that Jenny will get the promotion. (promoted)

Jenny has

3. A screwdriver is required to dismantle this cupboard. (apart)

You'll

4. I have no idea what to say in response to their letter. (loss)

I

5. The business failed because it was understaffed. (succeeded)

Had

6. Don't go too close to that dog in case it bites you. (bitten)

If

7. I don't know much about surrealism, but the exhibition was fascinating. (fascinated)

Despite

8. I enjoyed the horror film, but I don't plan on watching it again. (intention)

Much

9. Paolo finds it hard to say what he means clearly. (expressing)

Paolo has

10. Kim believes she was right to put her complaint in writing. (to do)

As far

Section R2 Reading (10 marks)

There are fifteen headlines below and ten short news stories on the next page. In the answer grid below the headlines, match each story letter with the best headline number. There are five headlines you do not need.

1. EMPERORS ENJOYING SPACIOUS ABODE
2. MISSING PENGUIN RECAPTURED SAFE AND SOUND
3. THE HUNT IS ON FOR NEW EXTREME TEAM
4. PENGUIN SIGHTINGS UP
5. ESCAPEE SEEMINGLY ENJOYING FREEDOM
6. FEWER PENGUINS - CONSUMER OUTCRY
7. PENGUIN NUMBERS INCREASE SHARPLY
8. PENGUINS TO SETTLE IN WARMER CLIMES
9. PENGUIN DETOUR A MYSTERY
10. PICK UP A HEALTHIER PENGUIN
11. MUSICAL INSPIRATION BEHIND CHICK NAMING
12. EMPEROR HABITAT - STARK WARNING
13. EMPERORS TO GET NEW HOME
14. PENGUIN ROOKIE NO DISAPPOINTMENT
15. WORLD'S OLDEST PENGUIN TURNS 32

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS HERE.

Match the number of the headline to the letter of the article:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

A

Emperor penguin numbers are falling catastrophically because of melting ice caps in Antarctica, scientists have warned. Colonies experienced unprecedented breeding failure in a specific region where there was total sea-ice loss. Experts say that breeding pairs of the famous bird may fall by 80 per cent by the year 2100. Unlike other sea birds, Emperor penguins breed and raise their young on sea ice. That means if the ice breaks up and disappears, they will have nowhere to look after their chicks, which do not develop waterproof feathers for several months.

B

Dozens of young penguins who lost their way during their annual migration to the south of Brazil have been spotted on the tropical beaches of Rio de Janeiro. It is not quite clear why the birds' migration path deviated so much from the norm, but experts are investigating. Meanwhile, the animals have become something of a tourist attraction in Rio, with crowds flocking to the beaches for an unusual photo opportunity. However, as these birds are not suited to such warm waters, an urgent rescue mission is being launched to return them to their natural habitat.

C

Visitors to Milford Sound in New Zealand have been treated to increased sightings of the rare Fiordland Crested Penguin over the past fortnight. Southern Discoveries nature guide Dave Newman said the sightings of the penguins, known as *tawaki*, were encouraging, as it suggests that the number of breeding pairs in existence is in a relatively stable state, despite still being one of the rarest penguins in the world. The *tawaki* seem to favour Milford Sound, which is one of the wettest places on earth and flanked by sheer rock faces.

D

A penguin chick at a zoo in Bridlington has been named in tribute to her grandmother, Rosie, who came to the zoo from a bird park in 1990. Rosie was believed to be the world's oldest Humboldt penguin until her death earlier this year at the age of 32. The chick has been named Crackle and as keeper John Pickering explained, 'We wanted to maintain a connection with Rosie, and we felt the name Crackle would do just that, thanks to the song *Cracklin' Rosie* by Neil Diamond.'

E

Edinburgh Zoo has announced plans to develop a new visitor attraction in its primate house. They plan to house a donation of Emperor Tamarins, tiny monkeys from South America, in a purpose-built new enclosure. The creatures, named after German emperor Wilhelm II because of their elegant white moustaches, were given to the zoo by a private collector who could no longer afford to look after them. Emperors can live for up to 20 years in captivity and require specific care and socialisation, which can rarely be replicated in a home environment.

F

The staple of children's packed lunches for decades, the McVitie's Penguin, has taken a step towards being healthy by no longer having trans fatty acids in its cream filling. The move was a response to bad publicity and declining sales of the chocolate covered biscuit. The snack's wrapper will still carry a joke printed on it and imaginative, often humorous designs featuring penguins that pastiche famous works of art. Penguins have been in production since 1932, with over 400 million sold each year.

G

After Penguin Number 337 made a daring bid for freedom from a Tokyo aquarium and vanished into the waters of Tokyo Bay two months ago, many feared the worst for the feathered fugitive. However, the one-year-old Humboldt penguin has now popped up on video footage in several different parts of the bay, frolicking in the water and playing on riverbanks. The penguin scaled a four-metre wall and squeezed through a barbed wire fence to escape its harbourside aquarium in March. While the fugitive appears to be in good health, his keepers are keen to carry out a proper health check.

H

Connor Sutherland debuted for the Pittsburgh Penguins in the National Hockey League last night in a thrilling game against the Black Sabres from Kansas, which ended in a 5-3 win for the visiting Penguins. They were described as 'relentless' and generated multiple scoring chances. Sutherland certainly earned his place in the team, despite having a goal disallowed in the second quarter. He went on to bring his team into the lead with just seconds to go in the third. In the last minute, Jake Andrews added to the points score, cementing the visitors' lead.

I

McVitie's, the makers of one of the leading brands of chocolate snack, the *Penguin* biscuit, are facing a backlash over what many people call a glaring example of shrinkflation. Standard packs of MacVitie's Digestives have shrunk from 400g to 360g, and multipacks of Penguin biscuits have been reduced from eight biscuits to seven - all retailed at the same price, however. Watchdog organisations are demanding clarity when it comes to such changes, although the law states it is legal for companies to shrink a product without informing customers.

J

The UK Antarctic Heritage Team ((UKAHT) is currently advertising five jobs. Successful applicants will have the rare opportunity to live and work in Antarctica, where duties will include a daily penguin count, monitoring other wildlife, and running the world's most southern post office. There will be no access to wi-fi or running water during the five-month contract, and recruits will need to be resilient, physically fit and committed to environmental conservation. Despite these demanding requirements, such positions are described by UKAHT as being 'incredibly popular.'

Section R3 (5 marks)
Read the passage from *The Fall of the House of Usher* by Edgar Allan Poe and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best answers each question. For question 4, write the word in the box.

Marks
Awarded

And now, some days of bitter grief having elapsed, an observable change came over the features of the mental disorder of my friend (*Roderick Usher*). His ordinary manner had vanished. His ordinary occupations were neglected or forgotten. He roamed from chamber to chamber with hurried, unequal, and objectless step. The pallor of his countenance had assumed, if possible, an even more ghostly hue – but the luminousness of his eye had utterly gone out. The once occasional huskiness of his tone was heard no more; and a tremulous quaver, as if of extreme terror, habitually characterized his utterance. There were times, indeed, when I thought his unceasingly agitated mind was laboring with some oppressive secret, to divulge which he struggled for the necessary courage. At times, again, I was obliged to resolve all into the mere inexplicable vagaries of madness, for I beheld him gazing upon vacancy for long hours, in an attitude of the profoundest attention, as if listening to some imaginary sound. It was no wonder that his condition terrified – that it infected me. ...

Sleep came not near my couch – while the hours waned and waned away. I struggled to reason off the nervousness which had dominion over me. I endeavoured to believe that much, if not all of what I felt, was due to the bewildering influence of the gloomy furniture of the room – of the dark and tattered draperies, which, tortured into motion by the breath of a rising tempest, swayed fitfully to and fro upon the walls, and **rustled uneasily** about the decorations of the bed. But my efforts were fruitless. An irrepressible tremor gradually pervaded my frame; and, at length, there sat upon my very heart an incubus of utterly causeless alarm.

line 17

1. The narrator describes his friend's face as being

a. unusually pale.

b. flushed and feverish.

c. despairing and disquieted.

d. eerily calm.
2. Roderick Usher's strange behaviour includes

a. moving slowly.

b. staring into space.

c. speaking rapidly.

d. swaying and jumping.
3. Why is the narrator concerned by his feelings of anxiety?

a. He doesn't know what's causing them.

b. They are causing him physical pain.

c. He's scared by what he might do.

d. He fears he is losing his mind.

4. Find the word or phrase in paragraph 2 which means the **SAME** as:

control

5. In line 17, what is the narrator referring to which '**rustled uneasily**'?

A storm clouds

B cotton bedcovers

C peeling wallpaper

D hanging material

Section R4 (6 marks)

Marks
Awarded

Read the four texts about trees. For questions 1 - 6, choose the text, A, B, C or D to complete the answer grid. The texts may be chosen more than once.

A. Fishlake National Forest, located in the landlocked state of Utah USA, covers an area of 1.5 million acres, 106 of which is covered in what appears to be over 40,000 individual quaking aspen trees. While these are native to the cooler areas of North America and therefore common, what makes them remarkable is the one interconnected root system they share and the identical genetic markers of the trees, meaning that this is in fact one organism that originated from a single seed. Originally identified in the 1970s, researchers named it *Pando*, Latin for 'I spread'. This aspen clone has been confirmed as the largest worldwide organism in terms of land mass and weight. The root system is estimated to be up to 14,000 years old. Usually, the age of a tree can be determined through counting the tree rings. However, the progressive replacement of stems approximately every 100 years means this is impossible to calculate when attempting to age *Pando*.

B. Immersing oneself in the tranquillity of nature, the habit of *shinrin-yoku* yields a multitude of positive outcomes. The forest atmosphere releases *phytoncides*, natural compounds renowned for fortifying the immune system. Spending mindful time amidst lush foliage, stress dissipates, blood pressure falls, and an enhanced sense of well-being prevails. As a medicinal practice, forest bathing as it is often called, began in Japan in the 1980s, at a time when the negative effects of depression, stress and distraction were recognised as contributory factors in the manifestation of physical symptoms. As more research highlighted the benefits of *shinrin-yoku*, the Japanese government incorporated it into the country's health programme, as preventative medicine rather than a treatment. Many cultures have long recognised the benefits of a stroll through nature, but there are now more structured experiences for forest bathing, with every continent now offering organised opportunities for a sensory immersion excursion.

C. The word 'tree' can evoke a vast range of images, so it is perhaps unsurprising that the Tree-Drawing Test was devised in the 1950s by psychologists in an attempt to assess character. The tree is thought to suggest the deepest, unconscious aspects of our personality, and while many people will instinctively draw a fairly stylised image, others show evidence of keener observation. Trees come in diverse forms, from the flowing boughs of weeping willows and the delicate beauty of cherry blossoms, to the towering majesty of oaks and sequoias, the latter being among the most massive and longest-living organisms in the world. An awareness of the range of trees around us is nothing new, of course. The Ancient Greeks developed a classification in which plants were grouped according to their general form—that is, as trees, shrubs, undershrubs, and vines. This classification was used for almost 1,000 years and still forms the basis of many modern classifications.

D. Since the dawn of civilisation, trees have played a pivotal role in shaping human existence. Beyond providing oxygen and mitigating climate change, they have been integral to cultural, economic, and spiritual aspects of societies. Ancient civilisations revered trees as symbols of life and fertility, often incorporating them into rituals and folklore. The most beneficial tree in history has been described as the chestnut, due to its diverse uses, but trees of all kinds fuelled early economies and enabled the construction of shelters and the advancement of technology. The list of positives is almost endless. However, some trees are to be avoided, an awareness which indigenous communities have acquired throughout their history. Personal experience revealed how painful ignorance can be. Having rashly taken a tiny bite from the fruit of the manchineel tree in Florida, painful blisters appeared in my mouth and swallowing any kind of food was excruciating. Due to its toxicity, it is apparently only allowed to grow in the Everglades of Florida, a fact which would have been beneficial to know, prior to booking a trip there.

Which text, A, B, C or D

mentions a practice which has been adopted worldwide?	e.g.	B
makes reference to a particularly useful tree?	1	
focusses on one type of tree?	2	
provides historical information on the formal study of trees?	3	
is a first-hand account of the effect of a certain tree?	4	
the psychological benefits of exposure to trees?	5	
mentions a particular record-breaking organism?	6	

Section W2 Writing For Results (15 marks)

Write an email of at least 150 words in response to each of the following situations, A and B.

Marks
Awarded

- A. You believe that you have left one of your possessions in a hotel that you recently stayed in while travelling on business. Write a formal email to the hotel, asking if the item has been found and suggesting how it could be returned to you.
- B. You believe you left your phone at a friend’s house when you visited recently. Write an email to your friend, asking if it has been found and suggesting how to get it back.

Email A

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From:

Date & Subject:

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Section R5 (Part 1)

Read this passage about cloning and answer all the questions below.

Marks
Awarded

Cloning

In January 2001, scientists at Advanced Cell Technology, Inc., announced the birth of the first clone of an endangered animal, a bull *gaur* (a wild ox from India and southeast Asia) named Noah. Although Noah died of an infection unrelated to the procedure, the experiment demonstrated the possibility of saving endangered species through cloning.

Animal cloning had been the subject of scientific experiments for years, but ⁽¹⁾ _____ little attention until the birth of the first cloned mammal in 1996, a sheep named Dolly. Dolly lived for six years. Scientists have cloned other animals, including cows and mice. In 2004, the first commercially-cloned pet was produced from a deceased cat, whose owner paid \$50,000. In 2017, the first primates were cloned: macaque monkeys, Zhong Zhong and Hua Hua. Success in cloning animals has sparked fierce debates among scientists, politicians *and* the public about the morality of cloning creatures.

Nature has been cloning for billions of years. When a strawberry plant sends out a runner, a new plant grows where the runner takes root. That plant is a clone. Similar cloning occurs in grass, potatoes and onions. Human intervention in plant cloning has also been going for millennia, with relatively little ⁽²⁾ _____. For example, vegetative propagation through leaf or stem cuttings is a form of cloning because the new plant has the same genetic makeup as the donor. This propagation works because the end of the cutting forms a mass of non-specialised cells called a callus. With luck, the callus grows, divides and forms specialised cells, eventually forming a new plant. The practice was first applied 4000 years ago and remains common today. More recently, scientists have cloned plants by taking pieces of specialised roots, breaking them into root cells and growing them in nutrient-rich cultures in regulated conditions. In culture, cells can be ⁽³⁾ _____ with appropriate plant hormones to grow into plants, identical to the original. This procedure, called tissue-culture propagation, has been used to grow prized, rare flowers.

Plants are not the only organisms that can be cloned naturally. The unfertilised eggs of some small invertebrates (worms, some species of fish, lizards and frogs) can develop into fully-grown adults under certain environmental conditions, usually a chemical stimulus. This process is called *parthenogenesis*, and the progeny are clones of the egg-laying females. Indeed, another example of natural cloning is identical twins. Although genetically different from their parents, identical twins are naturally-occurring clones of each other.

The first cloned animals were created in 1885 by Hans Dreisch, opening up a wider and more complex moral debate. His aim was not to create identical animals, but to provide evidence that genetic material could survive the process of cell division. He took a two-celled embryo of a sea urchin, which he shook in a container until the cells separated. Each grew independently into a sea urchin, proving that each cell had its own genetic instruction. Scientists have experimented with animal cloning ever since, but never been able to stimulate a specialised cell to produce a new organism. Instead, they rely on transplanting the genetic information from a specialised cell into an unfertilised egg cell whose genetic information has been ⁽⁴⁾ _____. In the 1970s, John Gurdon successfully cloned tadpoles. He transplanted the nucleus from a specialised cell of one frog into an unfertilised egg of another in which the nucleus had been destroyed. The egg with the transplanted nucleus developed into a tadpole that was genetically identical to the other. While the tadpoles did not survive, his experiment showed that the process of specialisation in animal cells was revocable, and this paved the way for cloning successes like Dolly.

The way forward depends largely on attitudes both within and without the scientific community. There is significant religious unease at unorthodox methods of reproduction and a sizeable body of lay opinion wanting to keep cloning at bay. The practice is also incredibly costly. Ultimately, it remains to be seen how influential the ⁽⁵⁾ _____ will become as governments worldwide seek solutions to food shortages and improvements to human health by funding cloning.

Section R5 Part One (7 marks - 1 mark each)
For questions 1-5, read the article about cloning and decide which word (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

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| 1. A. harvested | B. garnered | C. hoarded | D. stockpiled |
| 2. A. sustenance | B. unrest | C. furore | D. tolerance |
| 3. A. stimulated | B. tampered | C. tickled | D. meddled |
| 4. A. crushed | B. mangled | C. erased | D. annulled |
| 5. A. umpires | B. arbitrators | C. brokers | D. naysayers |

For questions 6 and 7, decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best answers each question.

6. According to the passage, which of the following statements is true about plant cloning?
- a. The practice has centred around the development of arable and other food crops. ☐
 - b. People became involved in plant cloning around four centuries ago. ☐
 - c. Tissue culture propagation can occur naturally in plants. ☐
 - d. Vegetative propagation predates tissue culture propagation. ☐
7. Overall, the writer seems to be of the opinion that
- a. the scientific community is divided over the ethics of cloning. ☐
 - b. research into animal cloning has been underfunded. ☐
 - c. animal and plant cloning are ethically incomparable. ☐
 - d. human cloning will inevitably be accepted worldwide. ☐

Section R5 Part Two (10 marks)
Summarise in no more than 150 words *the milestones in animal cloning that have so far been reached* according to the article.

You may use the space below to make notes. *These notes are for your own use and are not marked by the examiner.* Write your finished summary on the next page.

Write your summary here:

SAMPLE

Section W3 Writing (25 marks)

Use your own ideas and, if you wish, the notes below and ideas from the article in section R4, to write a structured composition of between 300 and 350 words on the following topic:

Is cloning a science fiction threat or a 'brave new world' of promise? Outline all the possible objections which you think research into cloning may face, and discuss to what extent you believe it has, or should have, a future.

- Moral, religious, cultural, and basic intuitive objections
- Unknown long-term effects
- Cloning organs and body parts for surgery / stem cell technology
- Food shortages
- Species conservation
- Where cloning might go from here

You may use this space for rough notes. These are for your own use and are not marked by the examiner.

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